

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 3, 2004. Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 13, 15 to 21, 23 to 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 42, 44 to 51, 53 to 60, 62 to 68 and 112 to 115 are now pending in the application, with Claims 89 to 111 having been canceled herein, and Claims 112 to 115 having been added herein. Claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 42, 51, 60 and 112 to 115 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indicated allowability of Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 13, 15 to 21, 23 to 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 42, 44 to 51, 53 to 60 and 62 to 68.

Claims 89 to 108 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,513,159 (Dodson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,194 (Frailong), and Claims 109 to 111 were rejected under § 103(a) over Frailong in view of Dodson. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Applicant has chosen to cancel the rejected claims merely in an attempt to obtain the earliest possible allowance of the allowed claims.

In this regard, newly-added Claims 112 and 114 substantially correspond to allowed Claims 1 and 9, respectively, but have been written in non-means-plus-function form. Likewise, newly-added Claims 113 and 115 substantially correspond to allowed Claims 33 and 42, but have been written in non-means-plus-function form. Thus, newly-added Claims 112 to 115 are also believed to be allowable. Additionally, although the subject Office Action is "Final" and new claims have been added herein, more claims have been cancelled herein than were added herein. Accordingly, this Amendment is believed to fully comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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